

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
2013 Associate of Applied Science in Paralegal Studies

Last Name	First Name	Mid. Initial	Student ID Number
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NOTE: The NWACC Paralegal Program supports the general principles of ethical legal practice, professional responsibility and the prohibition against the unauthorized practice of law by nonlawyers. Students receive extensive training in legal ethics, including the mandate the paralegals work only under the supervision of attorneys and are prohibited by law from giving legal advice to the public.

Some students may be required to take developmental coursework before entering the program if test scores fall below a certain level. Students must demonstrate competency in computer skills by passage or the Computer Challenge Test or the taking of NWACC course, Introduction to Computer Information CISQ 1103.

***CHECK THE CATALOG FOR PREREQUISITES BEFORE ENROLLING IN A CLASS**

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE			DATE	PREREQUISITE (see catalog)	GRADE
			COMPLETED		
FIRST SEMESTER (16 Hours)					
ENGL	1013	English Composition I	_____	_____	_____
CISQ	1103	Intro Computer Info.	_____	_____	_____
COMM	1303	Public Speaking	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	1043	Intro. To Law & Legal Asst.	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	1104	Legal Research	_____	_____	_____
SECOND SEMESTER (15-16 Hours)					
ENGL	1023	English Composition II	_____	_____	_____
HIST	2003	Hist. Amer Peo to 1877 OR	_____	_____	_____
HIST	2013	Hist. Amer Peo Sin 1877 OR	_____	_____	_____
PLSC	2003	American Nat. Government	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2133	Torts	_____	_____	_____
MATH	1204	College Algebra OR	_____	_____	_____
MATH	1003	Math for AAS Majors Math or College Algebra	_____	_____	_____
CMJS	XXXX	Criminal Justice Elective Select from Group B	_____	_____	_____
THIRD SEMESTER (16 Hours)					
PYSC	2003	General Psychology	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	1133	Legal Writing	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2323	Civil Litigation	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2382	Legal Ethics	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2252	Family Law	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2643	Contracts	_____	_____	_____
FOURTH SEMESTER (16 Hours)					
LEGL	2553	Real Estate Law	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2753	Wills, Estates, & Trusts	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2772	Business Organizations	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2822	Trial Practice OR	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2952	Paralegal Internship OR	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2953	Paralegal Internship OR	_____	_____	_____
LEGL	2954	Paralegal Internship	_____	_____	_____
Elective		Group A or B below	_____	_____	_____
Elective		Group C	_____	_____	_____

Elective - Select one class from Group A or B below - Consult catalog
 Elective - Select one class from Group C

62-64 Total Hours

15 Hours must be earned at NWACC to graduate. (Not all courses are available each semester; consult catalog to aid in planning.)

NOTE: NWACC will award five hours of credit for students who can demonstrate completion of training from the University of Arkansas Paralegal Certificate program. Three hours will substitute for Torts and 2 hours will apply towards the Paralegal

Elective. Students must earn at least 15 hours at NWACC and received a grade of "C" or better in all LEGL courses to graduate.

Group A - Paralegal or Work-related Electives

- LEGL 2153 American Constitutional Law
- LEGL 2172 Employment Law
- LEGL 2173 Evidence
- LEGL 2713 Bankruptcy Law
- LEGL 777V General Paralegal Elective

Group B - Criminal Justice Electives

- CMJS 2013 Intro to Criminal Justice
- CMJS 2023 Criminology
- CMJS 2033 Criminal Law
- CMJS 2043 Criminal Procedures

Group C - General Education Electives

Foreign language, natural or physical science, history, sociology, political science, economics, humanities or English

***Please see coordinator if you have paralegal related courses from another college(s). Course substitutions may be accepted.**

NOTE: Students can be awarded 5 credit hours for completion of the Paralegal Certificate from the University of Arkansas School of Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. Three hours will substitute for Torts and 2 hours will apply towards the Paralegal, Legal or Work Related elective. Students must earn at Least 15 hours at NWACC and receive a grade of "C" or better in all LEGL courses to graduate. The paralegal program will only accept up to 12 hours of credit for legal specialty courses which are transferred in from other accredited paralegal programs, including programs which are approved by the American Bar Association. The decision as to whether a paralegal course from another institution will be accepted is the sole discretion of the NWACC paralegal program administrator.

My advisor has explained this degree plan and I understand that I am responsible for following the above guidelines as defined in the college catalog for course prerequisites.

Advisor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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